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Provisional agenda

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Annotations

1. Election of the Bureau

Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council provides that, each year at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 2013 is given in the annex below. According to the equitable geographical rotation of the office of the President among the regional groups, the President for 2013 should be the representative of a member of the Latin American and Caribbean States group. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected from the other regional groups, excluding that to which the President belongs.

The President and Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each of the Vice-Presidents.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be held on 25 January 2013 for the election of the Bureau.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the election of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session.

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The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 48/162 and of other relevant legislative decisions, including, in particular, the provisions of Assembly resolutions 50/227 and 61/16.

3. Basic programme of work of the Council

In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work for the year.

Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

Pursuant to Council decision 2006/206 on adapting the work of the Council, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council, on an as-available basis, to adapt its organization of work, agenda and current methods of work in pursuance of paragraphs 155 and 156 of the 2005 World Summit Outcome and the related provisions of General Assembly resolution 61/16.

The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2013 and 2014 (E/2013/1) prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

In its decision 2011/208, the Council decided that the theme of the annual ministerial review of the high-level segment of its substantive session of 2013 would be "Science, technology and innovation, and the potential of culture, for promoting sustainable development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals".

The Council's attention is further drawn to General Assembly resolution 61/16, in which the Assembly decided that the Council should continue to promote global dialogue, inter alia, through strengthening existing arrangements, including a thematic discussion on a theme from economic, social and related fields to be decided by the Council and informed by a report of the Secretary-General.

The Council's attention is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 67/199, in which the Assembly decided to hold open, transparent and inclusive consultations to review and explore the modalities of the financing for development process, including possible arrangements to strengthen the process, as well as options for bringing together the various processes covering development financing in an integrated manner, taking into account the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General on modalities of the financing for development follow-up process.

Pursuant to Council resolutions 2009/30, 2010/26, 2011/38 and 2012/31, the President of the Council will convene consultations of the Council and between the Bureau of the Council and appropriate representatives of the governing bodies of the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development regarding the proposed dates (14 and 15 March 2013), substantive focus and format of the special high-level meeting of the Council with those institutions, in order to seek a more interactive,

dynamic and substantive discussion on key issues related to the financing for development framework. In its resolution 2012/31, the Council also welcomed the efforts undertaken to give more prominence to the consideration of the agenda item on financing for development during the annual substantive session of the Council, including the allocation of the item to its coordination segment.

In its resolution 2008/29, the Council decided that the coordination segment of its substantive session of 2013 would be devoted to the theme of the 2012 ministerial declaration on promoting productive capacity, employment and decent work to eradicate poverty in the context of inclusive, sustainable and equitable economic growth at all levels for achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

The Council's attention is drawn to General Assembly resolution 52/12 B, in which the Assembly decided to create a humanitarian affairs segment of the Council. In accordance with Council decision 1999/208, the Council, at its organizational session, may wish to select a theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2013.

Pursuant to Council decision 1982/174 on the rationalization of the work of the Council, the Council decided to identify, at its annual organizational session, a subject relating to interregional cooperation, of common interest to all regions, for detailed consideration under the agenda item on regional cooperation, and to request the executive secretaries of the regional commissions to submit their joint recommendations in that regard to the Council at its annual organizational session.

In its resolution 2012/33, the Council decided to hold a one-day meeting during the first half of 2013 to consider international cooperation in tax matters, including institutional arrangements to promote such cooperation and encouraged the President of the Economic and Social Council to issue invitations to representatives of national tax authorities to attend the meeting. The Bureau of the Council will propose the date of the meeting, following consultations with Member States and relevant international organizations.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 2013 and 2014 (E/2013/1)

4. Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments

The Council will hold elections to fill vacancies in its subsidiary bodies.

Documentation

Addendum to the provisional agenda of the organizational session for 2013 (E/2013/2/Add.1)[1]

[1] To be issued.

Annex

Members of the Economic and Social Council for 2013

	Term expires on 31 December
Albania	2015
Austria	2014
Belarus	2014
Benin	2015
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	2015
Brazil	2014
Bulgaria	2013
Burkina Faso	2014
Cameroon	2013
Canada	2015
China	2013
Colombia	2015
Croatia	2015
Cuba	2014
Denmark	2013
Dominican Republic	2014
Ecuador	2013
El Salvador	2014
Ethiopia	2014
France	2014
Gabon	2013
Haiti	2015
India	2014
Indonesia	2014
Ireland	2014
Japan	2014
Kuwait	2015

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Kyrgyzstan	2015
Latvia	2013
Lesotho	2014
Libya	2014
Malawi	2013
Mauritius	2015
Mexico	2013
Nepal	2015
Netherlands	2015
New Zealand	2013
Nicaragua	2013
Nigeria	2014
Pakistan	2013
Qatar	2013
Republic of Korea	2013
Russian Federation	2013
San Marino	2015
Senegal	2013
South Africa	2015
Spain	2014
Sudan	2015
Sweden	2013
Tunisia	2015
Turkey	2014
Turkmenistan	2015
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	2013
United States of America	2015